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FM AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

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INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMCONSUL SAO PAULO

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AMCONSUL PORTO ALEGRE UNN

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SUBJECT: ELECTIONS OF NATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF INDUSTRIAL
WORKERS (CNTI)

1. VETERAN C.N.T.I. LEADER ARY CAMPISTA WAS ELECTED FOR
FULL THREE YEAR TERM AS PRESIDENT C.N.T.I. (BRAZIL'S
LARGEST AND MOST INFLUENTIAL CONFEDERATION) AT AN ELEC-
TION HELD BRASILIA APRIL 2.

2. CAMPISTA, WHO REPLACED RUDER BLUM AS C.N.T.I. PRES.
(MARCH 1972), RECEIVED 56 OUT OF A POSSIBLE 59 COUNCIL
OF REPRESENTATIVE VOTES AFTER AN INTENSE NATION WIDE SIX
MONTH CAMPAIGN IN WHICH HE DEMOLISHED SAO PAULO AND RIO
GRANDE DO SUL OPPOSITION.

3. CAMPISTA HAS HELD JUST ABOUT EVERY C.N. T.I. EXECUTIVE
BOARD POSITION SINCE FIRST ELECTED A VICE PRES. IN 1955.
ALTHOUGH GENERALLY REGARDED AS THE POWER BEHIND THE
SCENES, HE HAD NOT HELD THE MOST IMPORTANT EXECUTIVE
POSITION UNTIL RUDER BLUM STEPPED DOWN TO BECOME A
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JUDGE ON THE SUPREME LABOR COURT.

4. CAMPISTA, WHO IS ONE OF BRAZIL'S MOST CONTROVERSIAL LABOR LEADERS AND WHOSE CRITICS REGARD HIM AS BRAZIL'S NUMBER ONE PELEGO (DEROGATORY PORTUGUESE TERM FOR LABOR LEADERS CONSIDERED TO BE GOVERNMENT STOOGES), IS A VETERAN PARTICIPANT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES. AS IT MAY HAVE SUITED HIS POLITICAL ENDS, HE HAS BEEN VARIOUSLY A FRIEND AND FOE OF THE AFL-CIO IN HIS MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS ON THE BRAZILIAN LABOR SCENE. HE PLAYED LEADING ROLE IN THE MARCH 31, 1971, C.N.T.I. DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE O.R.I.T. AND I.C.F.T.U. CAMPISTA, IN RECENT YEARS, HAS OPPOSED A.I.F.L.D. PROGRAMS. HE DID, HOWEVER, RECENTLY TRAVEL TO RIO IN ORDER TO ATTEND LUNCHEON HOSTED BY LABOR OFFICER WITH A.I.F.L.D./B. DIRECTOR RAMOS IN ATTENDANCE. HE HAS KNOWN GEN. GOLBERY DO COUTO E SILVA, CHIEF OF PRES. GEISEL'S CIVIL HOUSEHOLD, FOR MANY YEARS. GOLBERY SERVED AS "PADRINHO" AT CAMPISTA'S WEDDING APPROXIMATELY THIRTY YEARS AGO.

5. AIRGRAM WILL FOLLOW.

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